IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the PATENT APPLICATION of: Takao Tsuruoka Application No.: 10/646,637 Confirmation No.: 9783 Filed: August 22, 2003 For: IMAGE PICKUP SYSTEM Group: 2622 Examiner: Justin P. Misleh

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114 ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: